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SUBJECT : GULF SECURITY COOPERATION AND MIDDLE EAST FORCE

1. OVER LAST MONTH BAHRAIN PRESS HAS INCREASINGLY CARRIED ARTICLES RELATED TO CURRENT STIRRINGS OF GULF STATES IN QUEST FOR GREATER COOPERATION, INCLUDING POSSIBLE CONCLUSION OF SECURITY PACT. INEVITABLY IN THESE ARTICLES, OR INTERVIEWS GIVEN BY TOP GOB OFFICIALS, THERE IS COMMENT ON RELATIONSHIP OF U.S. NAVY FACILITIES IN BAHRAIN TO COMMON GULF DEFENSE STRATEGY.

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2. BAHRAIN WEEKLY AL-MAWAKEF JUNE 23 HAS ARTICLE CLAIMING A GULF SUMMIT WILL BE HELD IN OCTOBER, CONCENTRATING ON A SECURITY PACT AND AN AGREEMENT NOT TO GRANT ANY MILITARY FACILITIES IN THE GULF TO FOREIGN POWERS. ARTICLE GOES ON TO CLAIM THAT SUMMIT IS EXPECTED TO REACH AGREEMENT THAT WELTHIER GULF STATES WILL COMPENSATE BAHRAIN FOR ANY FINANCIAL LOSS RESULTING FROM THE DEPARTURE OF THE U.S. NAVY.

3. COMMENT: WE STILL FEEL GOB DETERMINED TO SEE MIDDLE EAST FORCE PRESENCE REMAIN AS LONG AS GOVERNMENT FEELS IT CAN TAKE THE LOCAL AND REGIONAL HEAT. IT IS INCREASINGLY OBVIOUS, HOWEVER, THAT GOB IS GETTING ITSELF IN PUBLIC POSITION OF "PASSING THE BUCK" ON THE ISSUE OF CONTINUED U.S. NAVY PRESENCE TO ITS NEIGHBORS COLLECTIVELY. WHEN THE GULF STATES IN FACT GET TOGETHER AND AGREE ON IMPLEMENTING A SECURITY PACT OR OTHER WORKABLE COMMON DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS, GOB PREPARED TO SEE U.S. NAVY PRESENCE TERMINATED IF THAT IS NECESSARY CONDITION OF COMMON GULF DEFENSE STRATEGY. WE STILL CONTINUE TO FEEL GOB CONSIDERS POSSIBILITY OF AGREEMENT OF GULF STATES ON COMMON DEFENSE POLICY EXTREMELY REMOTE FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. THUS GOB FEELS NO URGENT NEED FOR U.S. NAVY TO LEAVE BAHRAIN, BUT WE WOULD BE PRUDENT TO ANTICIPATE THIS SITUATION MAY CHANGE SEVERAL YEARS DOWN THE ROAD.
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